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In re Application of:

Stefan HULSMANN et al.

Examiner: Edward J. WEBMAN

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Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING AN EXTRUSION ADDITIVE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

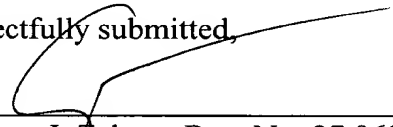
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 15, 2003, Applicants elect sugar alcohols, with traverse.

The unitary concept of this invention is as recited in claim 1, i.e., involving polyalcohols esterified with fatty acids. Thus, the full scope of this concept must be examined under PCT practice. In addition, the examiner has not established that there is any undue searching burden involved in examining the claims as currently configured. Under such circumstances, the MPEP directs the examiner not to require restriction.

Respectfully submitted,



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